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IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

The Ballintubber branch of the United League has chosen M. Mullen for its President.

James Brown, who died in Mohill last month, was respected throughout Leitrim. He was sixty-seven years old.

Bishop Browne, of Ferns, has promoted the Very Rev. John L. Furlong, D. D., of Gorey, to be Archdeacon of Ferns.

Two more branches of the United Irish League have been established in County Clare—one at Bridgetown and the other at Lisdon.

The new Postmaster in Clogher is Mr. Donnelly. For several years he was in the postoffice in Carlow, where he was very popular.

At a meeting of the Athleague branch of the United Irish League held recently Thomas Flanagan, of Ballindrehed, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Executive.

The death of Mrs. Walsh, Tralee, caused widespread regret in and around the town. The funeral to Wedford was largely attended. She leaves ten children.

The members of the Gaelic League in Ballyvourney, Carlow, recently contributed a substantial sum to the funds of the Central Executive to help on the good cause.

Robert Arlow, aged fifty-four years, a bleacher of Lisnistrunk, was found drowned in the Lagan canal, Antrim. Emily Arlow, an adopted daughter, identified the body.

Lord Inchiquin, who died last month at his residence in Dromoland, was in his sixty-first year, and was one of the representative peers for Ireland. He is succeeded in the title by the Hon. Lucius O'Brien.

The death is announced at Craanford, after a brief illness, of Mrs. Mary Murphy, wife of Laurence Murphy. She was for over thirty years a teacher of Craanford school. She was sixty-six years old.

Judge Kane, sitting in the Crown Court, Carlow, for the discharge of the business of the Easter quarter sessions, said that as there was no criminal business it was not necessary to summon either grand or petty jury.

With difficulty a quorum of the King's County Council can be brought together. A special meeting of the Council was summoned lately. There were only a few members in attendance. This is the Tory and landlord way of local government.

A meeting was held at Rathkeale for the purpose of appointing an Executive for the western division of the county. The attendance of delegates was large, all the active branches being fully represented. Father Casey, of Abbeyfeale, was made President.

The Rev. James Kavanagh, pastor of Craanford, whose death we announced last week, was one of the most popular priests in North Wexford. He was a native of the district of which he was pastor for twenty years, having been born there in 1828, the year before Catholic emancipation.

Patrick Bradley, a venerable and respected Catholic of County Derry, died recently at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Deceased was an ardent Nationalist and ever ready to advocate and support the cause of the tenant farmer, who was struggling beneath the crushing tyranny of landlordism.

At a meeting of the Wicklow County Council held in Wicklow a resolution endorsing the principles of the United Irish League and recommending the establishing of branches in every district in the county was proposed by William Costello, seconded by C. Walsh, and passed with only one dissenting vote.

The Nationalists in Westmeath are founding branches of the United Irish League. In a short time the number will be very large. Westmeath has been always in the front rank in the fight for the nation's rights and the people's local rights and will not be absent from what may be the final struggle for "the land for the people."

John Gibbons is a candidate for the seat in the Municipal Council of Dublin formerly held by W. K. Redmond, M. P., who resigned it as a protest against the action of the corporation in reference to the address to the Queen. Gibbons is a well-known labor man and a sterling Nationalist. He is being supported by the Labor Electoral Association.

Last month the police in Bandon were informed that a tragic affair had happened near Ballineen. Sergeant Boyd proceeded to the spot and found the body of Paul Mahoney, about twenty-three years of age, lying on the road. On deceased person were found a purse containing a little money and a document showing that he was honorably discharged from the United States navy about a year and a half ago. He served in the Spanish-American war in the gunboat Lehigh.

During the past eighteen months more than twenty human skeletons have been discovered in a field owned by T. Sheehan, Tannersrath. They appear to be those of adults and were found buried at irregular intervals from one to twenty feet apart, and at one to four feet from the surface. Examination of the skulls shows that they are 250 years old. This seems to connect them with Cromwell's army. It is believed that coming from Kilkenny he camped here prior to appearing before Clonmel.

Patrick Mangan, of Drogheda, who died at the residence of his father, John Mangan, T. C. of Dublin Gate, was a well-known athlete, invariably taking first place at the athletic meetings in the metropolis and in the provinces of Leinster and Ulster. He was prominent in Drogheda and the counties of Louth and

Meath in forming branches of the Gaelic Association. The deepest sympathy is felt for his father, so well known as Forster's suspect Mayor of Drogheda, and one of the oldest Nationalists in Ireland.

John O'Shaughnessy presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Ardagh branch of the United Irish League, when this resolution was unanimously adopted: Proposed by Morgan Leane, seconded by John J. Gurnane: "That we require our representatives in the District Council to attend next meeting for the purpose of making arrangements for the distribution of plots of land for the laborers' cottages, as it would confer a great boon on the laborers to have them tilled this spring." John Goulding, laborer, stated that he had no house and requested the branch to help him in his efforts to get one under the new law.

Peter Regan, D. C., organizer of the United Irish League, upon his release from Castlebar jail after undergoing a sentence of fourteen days' hard labor, was met at the prison gates by an enormous concourse of people, headed by the Castlebar, Ballyhane and Breafty bands, who conveyed him to Castlebar. Shortly afterward large contingents arrived from other districts, and a procession was formed and accompanied by the three bands started for Ballinrobe. All the villages on the route to Castlebar sent contingents headed by banners to join the procession. Bonfires were lighted at Ballintubber, Ballyhane and Patre, and a triumphal arch spanned the road at Ballinrobe. At Ballyhane Regan and Conroy addressed a very large meeting, and on the former's arrival in Ballinrobe he was greeted by the cheers of thousands who had assembled to meet him. At the corn market a meeting of over fifteen thousand people was addressed by Regan.

Intelligence from Crookhaven gives details of a very sad boating disaster, in which five young lives were reported lost. Three young men named Reilly, Donovan and Nagle, with two sisters named Nagle, crossed from Ballydevlin, near Goleen, to Crookhaven, in an open boat. The object was to bid some friends farewell, as the sisters Nagle were to sail for America a few days after. They left Crookhaven in the evening for home and nothing further was heard of them until the boat was picked up by a Long Island crew between Schull and Cape Clear with the dead bodies of Jeremiah Donovan and one of the sisters Nagle on board. The bodies were brought to Schull Coast Guard Station, where they were examined by Dr. Shipsey, but there is no trace of the other three. All belong to Ballydevlin and the sad disaster cast a gloom over the district. Miss Nagle had only recently returned from the United States.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

The members of Division 1 would like to see Martin Gavin more frequently. Division 4 elected two members and initiated John M. Gillespie and Michael Sheehan.

The State convention will held in Covington in June. Headquarters will be at Moran's Hotel.

Members of Division 3 of Baltimore attended St. Mary's and received holy communion in a body.

There was a surprisingly large increase in the number of lady delegates at this year's convention.

Division 1 is now offering choice of a gold button or cash prize to those bringing in new members.

St. Paul will send between forty and fifty men to the Minnesota State convention to be held next month.

Minnesota's State officers all attended the convention. The State was never before so largely represented.

The County Board will urge all Hibernians to keep open house during the Confederate Veteran's reunion.

Division 9 of St. Paul claims to have enlisted within its ranks almost every good Irish-American in the Ninth ward.

The joint ball of Division 1 and the Daughters of Erin at St. Paul was a grand success, having over 200 couples present.

All divisions will elect officers before the meeting of the State convention, which takes place at Covington in June. Thomas F. Devaney receives much praise for the decided success of the thirteenth social of Division 3 of Orange, N. J.

Division 1 of Los Angeles, Cal., gave its twenty-sixth annual ball at Turn Verein Hall and it was a most successful affair.

Over 400 people attended the social and dance of Division 8 of Springfield, Mass. Terence O'Donnell was master of ceremonies.

Divisions 4 and 8 of St. Paul are working hard for the coveted prize for initiating the greatest number of members by June 12.

The recently organized Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 4 of Baltimore has honored Miss Annie Roche with the Presidency.

Harry Brady made an excellent talk to the members of his division and also gave an interesting account of how he won his late race.

Division 4 had a fairly attended meeting Wednesday evening, when three additional applications for membership were received and referred.

A union meeting last week of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of Minneapolis was largely attended. The invitations were extended by the ladies of Division 4.

Messrs. John Mulloy and his fellow-committeemen have the thanks of the entire order for the excellent work done by them during the past two months.

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Division 1 has chosen for alternates to the State convention Messrs. Thomas Dolan, Edward Clancy, James Rodgers, Tim Lyons and William M. Higgins.

Syracuse is the home of the National Vice President and State Secretary, and Onondaga county claims more delegates than any other county in the country.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Norfolk county has a larger treasury than that of any other county in Massachusetts. It had \$8,699.31 on hand at the last annual meeting.

State Secretary Enright reports that the organization throughout New York State is increasing rapidly and many new military organizations are being formed in connection with the order.

The members of the Hibernian Rifles of Dover, N. H., lately held another delightful coffee supper and dance at the hall of Division 1. The grand march was led by Patrick Duffy and sister, Miss Lizzie Duffy.

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 1 of Baltimore Mrs. Violetta Conway read a translation of Maud Gonne's now famous editorial, "The Famine Queen." Eleven new members were initiated.

Philadelphia Hibernians have created an assessment for a "home fund," which is to be raised for the purpose of establishing a place in that State where aged homeless members of the organization may be properly cared for.

Tom Dolan entertained with another of his pleasing original songs Tuesday night. His hits on certain Hibernians brought forth roars of laughter. His presence at the State convention would afford real pleasure to the Louisville delegation.

State President O'Neal has issued the call for the Forty-second Pennsylvania State convention, which will be held at the Grand Opera House in Mahony City on June 12. The call says that in view of the situation in South Africa this occasion will be a matter of more than ordinary interest to friends of the Irish people.

John D. Cunningham, of New Haven, Conn., State Secretary of the order, has issued a call to the members throughout Connecticut to the biennial State convention, which meets in the City Hall, Norwich, on Wednesday, May 23. On Thursday morning a high mass will be attended by the delegates in St. Patrick's church of that city.

The sixth biennial State convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians met at the residence of Bishop Scanlan, Salt Lake City, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing two years. There are three divisions in the State, located at Salt Lake, Ogden and Park City. Following are the officers elected: Rev. Patrick Cushman, of Ogden, President; Timothy O'Keefe, of Park City, Treasurer, and Rev. D. Kiely, of Salt Lake, chaplain. A resolution of sympathy "for the noble Boers in their heroic struggle for liberty and human rights," offered by J. F. Callahan and seconded by Peter Clark, was unanimously adopted by the convention. After the business session the delegates met in the dining room of the Kenyon Hotel, where they enjoyed a banquet. Father Cushman sat at the head of the table and made a short speech. Many prominent men were present.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY announces the following reduced rates during the month of May from stations in Kentucky: Spring meeting of the New Louisville Jockey Club, Louisville, Ky., May 3 to 19, one and one-third fares for the round trip, May 2 to 19, inclusive, good to return until May 21, 1900. Special days, one fare for the round trip, morning trains May 3, 10 and 19, limited to two days from date of sale. May musical festival, Louisville, Ky., May 10 to 16, one fare for the round trip, May 14, 15 and morning trains May 16, limited May 17, 1900. For further information apply to nearest agent of the Southern Railway or connecting lines.

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